

Olde Mill Village Crier

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VOMCA Meeting: Wednesday, July 2, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

at Olde Mill Pool, preceded by Swim Club Meeting at 6:30



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President's Message

Summer is getting into full swing, the pool is open and ready for swimmers and sunbathers of all ages. You can still join the pool—membership packets are on the gates. And there may still be time to get your child those swimming lessons that will stay with them the rest of their lives.

Olde Mill Family Fun Day, sponsored by Friends of Olde Mill was a great success this year. We had many families with children stopping by to enjoy the giant inflatable slide which was constantly busy, a Dora Bouncey Bounce, miniature golf, a digging-for-treasure game, and a fun picture-taking activity. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks completed the fun day with free passes to a weekend at the pool. A giant thanks to all the hard work of this committee who put together such a wonderful afternoon. And thanks to all who came out and supported our continuing efforts to renew our playground. Thanks also to our vendors who set up their tables at our event. See pictures on page 5 of this issue.

If you can make it, there is the Wade's Grant subdivision hearing on Wednesday, July 2, at 44 Calvert St. (First Floor), Annapolis, scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. There you can voice your thoughts and learn more about what is planned for Olde Mill traffic if this subdivision goes through as currently proposed.

Also, on July 19, the Swim Team will host its annual BBQ catered by Adam's Rib of Severna Park. Tickets can be purchased by July 16 from Andi Campbell at 410-903-2136 or Julie Zawislak at 410-987-9824. Support the Olde Mill Torpedoes and enjoy a dip in the pool.

Happy Fourth of July! What a perfect time of year to celebrate our country's independence from England! With all that is happening in the world today, we must all be vigilant to make sure that the terror that other countries are experiencing does not happen in our country. As we celebrate with fireworks, picnics, pool parties, and get-togethers all around, remember how valuable and irreplaceable was the gift of freedom that our forefathers gave to us and future generations.

As was said all those years ago, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." This is true in many facets of our own personal lives.

—Sarah Hakulin, President VOMCA

Important Wade's Grant Subdivision Hearing Reset for July 2

The subdivision that several years ago was proposed for this property is back under a different name, Wade's Grant, and to be built by Snyder Development. According to the application for a permit, they have applied for "A special exception to allow a planned unit development of 119 detached and townhouse dwellings on land zoned R-2 and R-5 property located 255 feet on the East side of Old Mill Blvd, 0 feet East of Oakwood Road."

The "special exception" requested by Snyder Developers was originally approved on May 21, but was subsequently rescinded. The required community information meeting—set for the same day as the county approval—raised many

questions regarding proper procedure. Due to discrepancies in submission procedures, a new hearing date has been scheduled to revisit the special exception requested by Snyder.

The new meeting is Wednesday, July 2, at 10 a.m., at 44 Calvert St. in Annapolis. As many residents as possible should plan to attend this meeting due to questions about the traffic impact on Old Mill Blvd., as well as issues about buffering from existing Olde Mill homes.

The subdivision as planned will not have two entrances or exits—only one at the Old Mill Blvd. junction with Oakwood Rd. There are no plans for either a traffic light or a round-about, which means the traffic on Old Mill Blvd. will be greatly increased during the morning and evening rush hours.

Get Your Pool Application Packet

Pool packets are still available on the gates to the pool. Memberships are available so you can join our pool and swim all summer almost in your own back yard, without the maintenance worries. Bring a towel and come on down!

There may still be openings for swim lessons at the Olde Mill Pool. Lessons began June 23. Call Debbie Sansone at 410-570-2955.

Olde Mill Torpedoes Swim Team Wins First Two Meets

What a great start for the Torpedoes Swim Team season this year! They have had two meets so far and have won both events. Congratulations to the swim team, parents, mentors, and coach Kim Durant for a great job. Keep up the good work, kids!

Minutes of June 4 VOMCA Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. on June 4 by President Sarah Hakulin. 12 people were present at the meeting with 11 of those being VOMCA members.

Sandy Sacra reported 200 members—97 families out of some 1,300 families in Olde Mill.

Treasurer Colleen Flack reported \$3,861.29 in checking and \$1,581.32 in savings. The 2013 taxes are not filed yet, but extension has been filed.

New Business: It was brought up that one of the community open areas has 2 big trees that have many large dead branches on them, that they are falling and causing concern as kids play in these areas. These trees are in the common areas and the county does not remove trees that are held in trust by the county.

On the basketball courts one of the basketball hoops needs a new backboard. The cost is approximately \$500 to replace. Further research to replace the backboard and net will be made.

Wednesday, June 11 through Friday, June 13 are County Community Clean-up Days in Olde Mill. There will be a dumpster located on the pool road.

FOOM is sponsoring on June 14 a Family Fun Day from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. with free swim passes being distributed to non-members of the pool good for any weekend during the summer.

Trash barrel outside of the pool fence needs replacing as it is rusted out. It was approved to buy 2 large plastic trash cans for up to \$250 that can be chained up to replace the rusted barrels. The vote was unanimous.

There have been some complaints about adult softball league members partying and drinking before and after games at Barlowe Field area. Sarah will contact the commissioner to discuss this issue.

Wade's Grant property will have 119 dwellings. Development has been challenged as not all families within 175 feet of construction were notified. July 2nd (Wednesday) at 10 a.m. will be the new hearing date at Arundel Center in Annapolis. Need residents to show up to show support and concern. Some of the concerns expressed were one road in and one road out, no traffic lights, and school capacity issues.

—*Respectfully submitted by Lisa England, Secretary*

Splish Splash at our Aloha Summer Barbecue

Catered by Adam's Ribs of Severna Park



DATE: Sat, July 19, 2014

TIME: 8:00 PM-12:00 AM

PLACE: Olde Mill Swim Club

490 Chalet Drive

Must be 21 or older

Your \$30 donation benefits
OLDE MILL TORPEDOES
SWIM TEAM

Menu to include:

BBQ'd Baby Back Ribs and Chicken
Pasta Salad, Potato Salad & Baked Beans

Dessert, Sodas & Water

BYOB: Beer & Wine Only

Tickets must be purchased by Wed., July 16th.

Contact Andi Campbell, 410-903-2136 or Julie Zawislak, 410-787-9824

FOOM Update

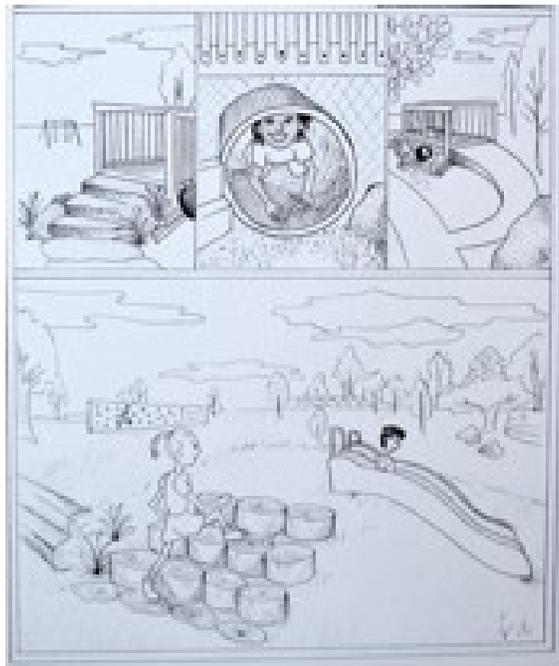
Here's an update from your neighborhood friends at FOOM (Friends of Olde Mill):

FOOM held its 2nd Annual Family Fun Day on Saturday, June 14. We could not have asked for better weather after all the rain we had the week prior! We had over 100 children and their families come out and enjoy all the games, activities, and inflatables we had set up on Barlowe Field that day. We'd like to extend a huge thank-you to **Mov'n Mini Golf**; **Fieldstone Animal Inn**; **Ms. Maricel** (our face painter); and the **McCoy Family** (our snowball-machine operators) who donated their time and services to us. We'd also like to recognize the vendors we had there: Helen Dingus from **Helen Michelle's Handmade Cards and 31**; Amanda Rhames from **Origami Owl**; Kathi Greene from **Pampered Chef** and **Elvaton Baptist Church**. If you haven't seen the fun photos from that day or from our photo booth we had set up that day, you can go to our website at www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org and click on the links to enjoy seeing all the fun the kids and parents had! We also had a nice article written up about FOOM and our Family Fun Day that was featured in the *Maryland Gazette* recently. Here is the link for it in case you missed it:

http://m.capitalgazette.com/maryland_gazette/columnists/millersville_crownsville/millersville-crownsville-friends-of-olde-mill-welcome-families-for-fun/article_6bc1fc26-349c-5e29-b8a0-5655e9185260.html?mode=jqm_gal

Once again we will be sponsoring our Fall Flea Market on Saturday, September 6. The Flea Market shopping hours will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, if you are interested in renting a spot, or if you have items you'd like to donate to FOOM for us to sell, please contact Michelle at michelle@friendsofoldmill.org.

Here is a sneak peek of some of the fun, kid-friendly areas we have planned for our unique playscape at Barlowe Field:



Looking to make a tax-deductible donation? Consider making that donation to FOOM! We are a 501(c)(3) organization. Your donation can be made payable to FOOM, Inc. and mailed to FOOM, Inc.; P.O. Box 151; Millersville, MD 21108. Or you can make a donation directly from our website at www.FriendsOfOldeMill.org and click on the secure PayPal link. After receiving your donation you will be mailed a thank-you card and letter stating our tax ID number for your tax records. We would really appreciate your support and help to accomplish this first goal of creating a unique playscape for our children!

If you would like to be more actively involved with any fundraisers we are doing or have any ideas you'd like to share with us please contact Andi at cautionkidsatplay@gmail.com – we are always looking for new members!

Photos from June 14 Family Fun Day



2014 VOMCA Membership Application

Please complete this form, printing the names of all members of your household who are 18 or more years old, and mail it together with your check, payable to **VOMCA**, to: VOMCA Membership, P.O. Box 366, Millersville, MD 21108. The membership fee for your household's annual dues is \$15.00.

Names of Adults in Household: _____

Street Address: _____

Phone: _____ (Unlisted? Yes No) Email Address: _____

Would you like to volunteer in the community?: _____

Suggestions for improvements in Olde Mill: _____

There will be a \$10 processing fee for any returned check. Your membership card(s) will be mailed to you.